

REMARKS

By this response, claims 1-6, 9-16, 29, 30 and 35 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 29 are amended. Claims 2, 4-6, 11, 13, 15 and 16 are original. Claims 3, 30 and 35 have been previously presented. Claims 7, 8, 17-28 and 31-34 are canceled.

The indicated-as-allowable subject matter of claim 8, including the subject matter of intervening claim 7, has been incorporated into claim 1, thereby making claim 1 and its progeny in a condition for allowance. Similarly, the indicated-as-allowable subject matter of claim 34, including the subject matter of intervening claims 31-33, has been incorporated into claim 29, thereby making claim 29 and its progeny in a condition for allowance. Claims 9, 10, 12 and 14, which earlier depended directly upon claim 8, have been amended to change their dependency on claim 1. In that independent claim 35 has already been indicated as allowed, and claims 7, 8, 17-28 and 31-34 have been canceled, all claims are submitted as standing in a condition for allowance. No other obstacles to patentability remain.

To the extent any fees are due, although none are believed due, the undersigned authorizes their deduction from Deposit Account No. 11-0978.

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